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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF BHUTTO VISIT TO PARIS

1. BHUTTO MET JULY 25 FOR AN HOUR AND 20 MINUTES WITH POMPIDOU DURING WHICH THEY DISCUSSED THE WORLD SITUATION WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ASIA AND THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT. THEN, JOINED BY THEIR MINISTERS, THEY DISCUSSED BILATERAL QUESTIONS INCLUDING THE REINFORCING OF THEIR RELATIONS. ON JULY 26, BHUTTO GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE SAID HIS VIEWS AND THOSE OF POMPIDOU WERE VERY CLOSE ON MANY POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND ON THE ANALYSIS OF THE WORLD SITUATION.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, BHUTTO SAID HE HOPED RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN WOULD REMAIN GOOD, BUT IF THEY SHOULD DETERIORATE, PAKISTAN WOULD BE QUITE CAPABLE OF DEFENDING ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS. BHUTTO SAID PAKISTAN COULD ACCEPT THE "SO-CALLED REALITY" OF BANGLADESH, BUT COULD NOT ABANDON THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR JAMMU AND KASHMIR. BHUTTO SAID THAT HE HAD RAISED IN LONDON AND PARIS THE RELEASE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PAKISTAN PRISONERS HELD BY INDIA AND HIS VIEWS WERE

WELL RECEIVED BY POMPIDOU AND THE BRITISH LEADERS.

3. PRESS (FIGARO) SPECULATED THAT AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT
IN BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS WAS PAKISTAN REQUEST FOR FRENCH
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